

BLACKSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
News Release

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SUBJECT: Robberies

Blacksburg Police have two men in custody after a pair of early evening robberies.

Police received the first call at 6:34 this evening from a clerk at the Glade Road Deli-Mart. A man had entered the store, made a purchase, and as the clerk took his money the suspect grabbed cash in the register. His attempt to leave with the money was unsuccessful and he fled on foot. Police officers in the area saw a man matching the description of the suspect boarding a transit bus on University City Blvd. just minutes after the call. The bus was stopped and the suspect detained. He was later charged with attempted robbery and possession of drug paraphernalia. The man, 19-year-old Oren Lee Price, of Blacksburg is being held without bond in the Montgomery County Jail. Another warrant was served on Price charging him with Malicious Wounding in an incident that occurred on January 7, 2005 in Blacksburg.

Police then responded to the second robbery at 7:13 p.m. at the Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurant on University City Blvd. The restaurant is located about three blocks from the Deli-Mart that was robbed 35 minutes earlier. The suspect reportedly entered the restaurant and asked the clerk a question. He then threatened employees and acted as if he had a weapon in his pocket. He fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash. A suspect description was broadcast to officers who began following leads immediately. The suspect in the restaurant robbery then called police and asked to speak to officers about the earlier incident at the Deli-Mart. He was questioned at the Blacksburg Police Department and arrested at 9:45 p.m. for the restaurant robbery. The person is identified as Darrell Junior "DJ" Whitaker, age 19 of Blacksburg. He is currently in the Montgomery County Jail without bond. Whitaker is the nephew of Price. No one was injured in the incidents and police have not recovered the stolen cash.

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